

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 196, Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act of 2003.

The House passed H.R. 1350, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Reauthorization.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5501–S5617*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 14, S. 950–964, S. Res. 126–129, and S. Con. Res. 40–41.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. Con. Res. 26, condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act:** By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 136), Senate passed S. 196, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Allen Amendment No. 532, to ensure that the educational assistance is focused on supporting science, mathematics, engineering, and technology at eligible institutions, and provide for appropriate review of grant proposals.

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**Commending Sally Goffinet:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 128, to commend Sally Goffinet on thirty-one years of service to the United States Senate.

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**Commending University of Minnesota Men's Hockey Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2002–2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Collegiate Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

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**Congratulating U.S. Capitol Police:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 156, extending congratulations to the United States Capitol Police on the oc-

casional of its 175th anniversary and expressing gratitude to the men and women of the United States Capitol Police and their families for their devotion to duty and service in safeguarding the freedoms of the American people.

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#### Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

**Clean Diamond Trade Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 760, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds.

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**Nomination Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Executive Calendar No. 35, the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Nomination Considered:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May, 1, 2003, with one hour of debate, followed by a vote on the motion to close further debate thereon.

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**Nomination Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, if the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Priscilla Owen (listed above) is not agreed to, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Amendments to Constitution and Convention of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (Geneva 1992) (Treaty Doc. No. 108–5); and

Protocol of Amendment to International Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Treaty Doc. 108-6).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. These protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on March 26, 2003, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty With Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 108-4) (Ex. Rept. 108-6).

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Lisa Genevieve Nason, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

Georgianna E. Ignace, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

John Richard Grimes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2006.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5617.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HEALTH CARE ACCESS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine health care access and affordability, focusing on the effects of uninsurance on individuals, families, and communities, after receiving testimony from Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey; Arthur L. Kellermann, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Carolyn F. Scanlan, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg; Lanette Kane, People's Clinic, Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Chris Peterson, Clear Lake, Iowa.

### APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the District of Columbia Courts, after receiving testimony from Annice M. Wagner, Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, Washington, D.C.; and Doug Nelson, Director, National Capitol Region Property

Development Division, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: DOD MEDICAL PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the medical programs of the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James B. Peake, Surgeon General, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Michael L. Cowan, Surgeon General, and Rear Admiral Kathleen L. Martin, Deputy Surgeon General, both of the U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General George Peach Taylor, Jr., Surgeon General, and Brigadier General Barbara Brannon, Assistant Surgeon General, both of the U.S. Air Force; and Brigadier General William T. Bester, Chief, Army Nurse Corps.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for foreign assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

#### **FIRE SERVICE**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 321, the Firefighting Research and Coordination Act, focusing on the programs and services of the U.S. Fire Administration of the Department of Homeland Security, including the Firefighters Grant Program, Fire Service Training, public education and awareness, data collection, research and technology, and challenges, after receiving testimony from Representatives Camp and Weldon; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; R. David Paulison, Director, Preparedness Division, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Randy R. Bruegman, Clackamas County Fire District, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; James M. Shannon, National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, Massachusetts; and Kevin O'Connor, International Association of Fire Fighters, and Philip C. Stittleburg, National Volunteer Fire Council, both of Washington, D.C.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING: COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Energy Policy Act of 2003".

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. These protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on March 26, 2003, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 108-4), with 9 declarations and 3 conditions; and

S. Con. Res. 26, condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights.

#### **ENERGY SECURITY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine U.S. energy security issues, focusing on the importance of Russia and the Caspian to global energy production, after receiving testimony from Anna Borg, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions, and Commodities, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; Leonard L. Coburn, Director, Russian and Eurasian Affairs, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; Julia Nanay, PFC Energy, and Edward C. Chow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrew B. Somers, Commercial Energy Dialogue With Russia, Moscow, on behalf of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia.

#### **INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans after receiving testimony from William O. Russell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Tex G. Hall, National Congress of American Indians, and Chris Paisano, Navajo Nation, both of Washington, D.C.; Derrick Watchman, Native American Bancorporation, Denver, Colorado; Cris E. Stainbrook, Indian Land Tenure Foundation, Little Canada, Minnesota; Eric Conrad Henson, Lexecon, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development; and Mike Irwin, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and

William Emil Moschella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who were both introduced by Senator Warner, David G. Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., to be

United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senator Breaux and Representative McCrery, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 29 public bills, H.R. 1873–1901; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 158 and H. Res. 208–211, were introduced.

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#### Additional Cosponsors:

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on the Budget Activities Report, 107th Congress, Second Session (H. Rept. 107–811);

H. Res. 210, providing for consideration of H.R. 1298, to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria (H. Rept. 108–80); and

H.R. 100, to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, amended (H. Rept. 108–81).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Manny Behar, Executive Director, Queens Jewish Community Council of Forest Hills, New York.

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**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Reauthorization:** The House passed H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by yeas and nays vote of 251 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 154.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–77) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Agreed To:

Castle amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that clarifies changes to GAO reports; increases the level of State reserves for high cost education needs; changes issues that can be raised at due process hearings; makes language dealing with local control over curriculum the same as that in the No Child Left Behind Act; changes part D programs to

insure that the needs of children with limited English proficiency are met; and permits the support for the captioning of news programs; Pages H3510–12

Vitter amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that mandates GAO reviews to include recommendations to reduce or eliminate excessive paperwork burdens (recorded vote of 413 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 150);

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Bradley amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that increases the Part B set-aside funding cap to \$750,000;

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Woolsey amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that defines a free public education as one that is reasonably calculated to provide educational benefit to enable the child with a disability to access the general curriculum;

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Shadegg Amendment No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that expresses the sense of Congress that students who have not been diagnosed by a physician or other person certified by a State health board as having a disability should not be classified as disabled;

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Kirk amendment No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that expresses the sense of Congress that safe and drug-free schools are essential for the learning and development of children with disabilities;

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McKeon amendment No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that requires additional Federal increases above FY 2003 levels to be passed directly to the local level;

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Nethercutt amendment No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that allows parents in consultation with the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) team to determine the appropriate educational setting for each child;

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Davis of California amendment No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that authorizes the use of funding to train school safety personnel and first responders who work at qualified educational facilities in the recognition of autism spectrum disorders;

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Wu amendment No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 108-79 that gives priority to grants that provide for the establishment of programs regarding methods of early and appropriate identification of children with disabilities; and

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Garrett amendment No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 108-79 that requires the Secretary of Education to conduct a study within two years of enactment on the cost to each state for compliance with the Act.

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Rejected:

DeMint Amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108-79 that sought to allow the Secretary of Education to use Part D funding to design, develop, and initially implement parental choice and customized programs for students with disabilities (rejected by recorded vote of 182 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 151);

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Musgrave Amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 108-79 that sought to give school districts the option of offering parents of disabled children in private schools a certificate to be used for their child's specific special education needs (rejected by recorded vote of 176 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 152); and

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Tancredo amendment No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 108-79 that sought to define specific learning disability to mean a disorder due to a medically detectable and diagnosable physiological condition relying on physical and scientific evidence and not based on subjective evidence (rejected by recorded vote of 54 ayes to 367 noes, Roll No. 153).

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The Clerk was authorized to make corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 206, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by yeas-and-nays vote of 211 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 149.

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**Consideration of Suspensions on Wednesdays:** Agreed that it be in order for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules on Wednesdays through June 25, 2003 as though under clause 1 of rule XV.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 209, electing Representative Miller of North Carolina to the Committee on Small Business. Page H3532

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Resolutions:** Read a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure wherein he transmitted resolutions agreed to by the committee on April 9. The resolutions were referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Pages H3532-34

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3455.

**Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 39 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. Pages H3564-65

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3465-66, H3522-23, H3523, H3524, H3524-25, H3531. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTHY FORESTS INITIATIVE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing on the Administration's Healthy Forests Initiative. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment; Dale Bosworth, Chief and Peter J. Roussopoulos, Director, Southern Research Station, Asheville, North Carolina, both with the U.S. Forest Service; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Charles R. Holland, USAF, Combatant Commander, U.S. Special Operations, Department of Defense.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Courts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge, Superior Court; and Lee F. Satterfield, Presiding Judge, Family Court, both with the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Annice M. Wagner, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and Chief Judge, Court of Appeals; and Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., Director, Public Defender Service.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

**HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate. Testimony was heard from Michael Brown, Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Employment Assistance and Training Activities Panel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Emily DeRocco, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration; Frederico Juarbe, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment Training; and Kathleen Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Executive Office of the President. Testimony was heard from Tim Campen, Director, Executive Office of the President.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 108, amended, encouraging corporations to contribute to faith-based organizations; H. Con. Res. 110, recognizing the sequencing of the human genome as one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past one hundred years and expressing support for the goals and ideals of Human Genome Month and DNA Day; H. Con. Res. 147, commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Orphan Drug Act and the National Organization for Rare Disorders; H. Res. 201, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that our Nation's businesses and business owners should be commended for their support of our troops and their families as they serve our country in many ways, especially in these days of increased engagement of our military in strategic locations around our Nation and around the world; and H.R. 1320, amended, Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act.

**TRAVEL AND TOURISM IN AMERICA TODAY**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a

hearing entitled "Travel and Tourism in America Today." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**U.S. MONETARY AND ECONOMIC POLICY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on United States monetary and economic policy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

**SERVICES ACQUISITION REFORM**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on "Better Training, Efficiency and Accountability: Services Acquisition Reform for the 21st Century." Testimony was heard from William Woods, Director, Contracting Issues, GAO; Stephen Perry, Administrator, GSA; Angela B. Styles, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; and public witnesses.

**HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES REPORTS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a hearing on a Review of the State Department Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. Testimony was heard from Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported, as amended, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.

**U.S. LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1298, United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Smith of Michigan, Pitts, Lantos, Crowley and Millender-McDonald.

### U.S. FLAG DREDGES—INTERPRETATIONS OF EXISTING OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint hearing on Interpretations of Existing Ownership Requirements for U.S. Flag Dredges. Testimony was heard from Barry W. Holliday, Chief, Navigation and Operations Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Larry Burton, Director, International Trade Compliance Division, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—CURRENT AMTRAK ISSUES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Current Amtrak Issues. Testimony was heard from Alan Rutter, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Jayetta Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; David L. Gunn, President and CEO, AMTRAK; and public witnesses.

### VETERANS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1460, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003; H.R. 1712, Veterans Federal Procurement Opportunity Act of 2003; and H.R. 1716, Veterans Earn and Learn Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Renzi; Leo S. Mackay, Jr., Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Angela B. Styles, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

### CHALLENGES FACING PENSION PLAN FUNDING

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Challenges Facing Pension Plan Funding. Testimony was heard from Peter Fisher, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; Steven A. Kandarian, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and public witnesses.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the U.S. Capitol Police Board and the Sergeant-at-Arms, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Secret Service and Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for NASA, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nanotechnology, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on streamlining and enhancing homeland security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. Res. 75, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers, and the nominations of Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, J. Leon Holmes to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Patricia Head Minaldi, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funding for fiscal year 2004 for the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Missile Defense, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Worker Protection Agencies Panel, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on the Department of Defense Transformation for the 21st Century Act, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Review of the University of California's Contract for Los Alamos National Laboratory," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.J. Res. 22, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1839, Youth Smoking Prevention and State Revenue Enforcement Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 958, Hydrographic Services Amendments of 2003; and H.R. 1497, Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, to mark up the following bills; H.R. 766, Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003; and H.R. 1578, Global Change Research

and Data Management Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "IRS Compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act," 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing on Coordinating Human Services Transportation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Cost-Sharing and Medigap, 12 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Provisions Affecting Public Employees, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:15 a.m., Thursday, May 1

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, May 1

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the nomination to occur at approximately 10:15 a.m.; following which, if the cloture motion is not invoked, Senate will begin consideration of Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Also, Senate may consider S. 113, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, S. 925, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, S. 15, Project BioShield Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive items.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 1298, United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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